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TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MPOL, VE

SUBJECT: ARMS TRANSFERS DELAYS

REF: CARACAS 7252

1. THERE ARE NO PROBLEMS CONCERNING MUNITIONS CONTROL LICENSES FOR VENEZUELA. WITHIN PAST MONTH, BUREAU HAS PROCESSED ABOUT FIFTEEN APPLICATIONS WITH NO REPEAT NO PROBLEMS OR DELAYS WHATSOEVER. NORMAL PROCESSING TIME IS ABOUT ONE WEEK TO TEN DAYS FOR COMPLETED ACTION.

2. INFORMATION EMBASSY OBTAINED FROM VENEZUELAN OFFICIAL PROBABLY STEMS FROM PRESS ITEMS IN US CONCERNING DEPARTMENT'S DELAY IN APPROVING CERTAIN MUNITIONS CONTROL LICENSES. SEVERAL ARTICLES MENTIONED FOUR COUNTRIES SPECIFICALLY:  
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ARGENTINA, URUGUAY, EL SALVADOR AND NICARAGUA; SOME ALSO MENTIONED BRAZIL. IN NOON PRESS BRIEFING ON JULY 18TH, SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED THAT THESE COUNTRIES AMONG OTHERS WERE THE SUBJECT OF DELAYS IN GRANTING OF EXPORT LICENSES BASED ON CONSIDERATIONS. PRESS GUIDANCE FURNISHED READ IN PART THAT IN RECENT PAST, FROM TIME TO TIME FOR THESE AND OTHER REASONS THERE HAVE BEEN DELAYS IN GRANTING LICENSES FOR

SOME TWELVE OR MORE COUNTRIES WHICH WERE NOT SPECIFIED.

NOTHING CONTAINED IN THE STATEMENT BY THE SPOKESMAN  
PERTAINED IN ANY WAY TO VENEZUELA.

3. DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING AN INTERAGENCY STUDY OF LEGAL  
AND POLICY REQUIREMENTS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE HUMAN RIGHTS  
POLICY. ARMS TRANSFER POLICY IN RELATION TO HUMAN RIGHTS  
IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THAT STUDY WHICH MAY BE COMPLETED  
WITHIN A MONTH. VANCE

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## Message Attributes

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